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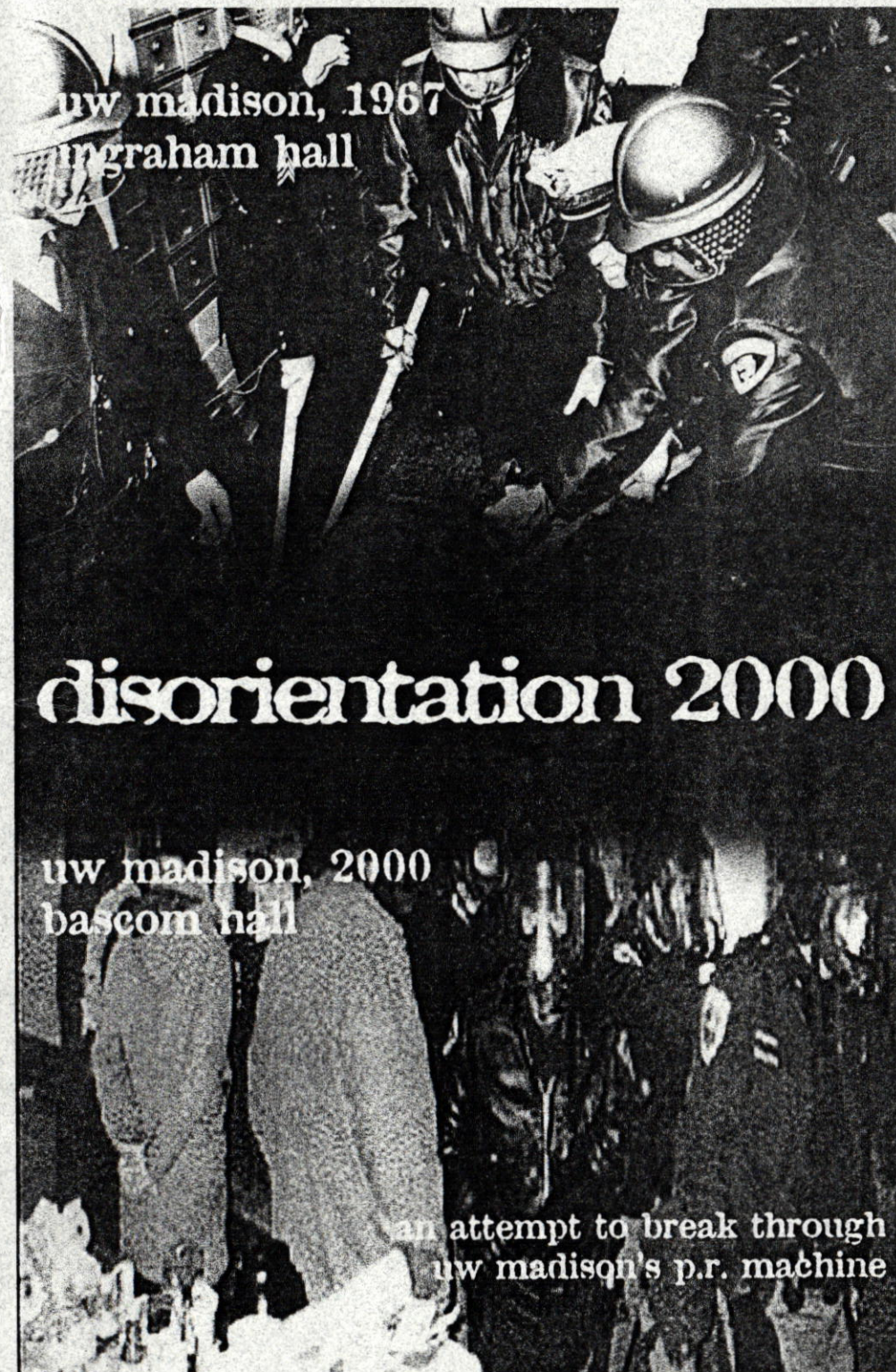
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It is impossible to experience events first-hand that are taking place around the world. We need an intermediary source to connect us with important events happening in other places. Media should serve that function in a democratic society by informing the public with unbiased and uncensored information. But more often than not, the media has failed to fulfill this role. Instead of providing vital news that the public needs to be informed, mainstream newspapers, magazines and television stations have become dominated by corporate interests, broadcasting what sells ads and raises ratings.

The media may not tell us what to think, but it does tell us what to think about. For instance, while the US government was bombing Iraq and dozens of countries around the world were embroiled in bloody civil wars, the mainstream media outlets' front page headlines covered almost nothing but the Clinton-Lewinsky affair!

It is time to break the myth of the media as an uncensored and unbiased information source and stop being the passive recipients of ad ratings. We can empower ourselves to take the media into our own hands and return it to what it is meant to be: a medium of open exchange of information in which the people decide what is vital to the discourse of their country. Media must be independent and freely accessible by all people in order for a true democracy to exist.

Madison is home to a number of media outlets that put the idea and spirit of independent citizen controlled media into action. The campus radio station, WSUM, is a non-commercial station that provides students with a forum to create media. WSUM currently netcasts at <www.wsum.edu>. Non-commercial radio is not funded by corporate-sponsored ads.

Another non-commercial media outlet in Madison is WORT 89.9 FM, the community radio station. The station is programmed entirely by volunteers from the community and maintains its independence through listener sponsorship. The mix of news, talk and music is diverse and eclectic. For example, WORT features the only volunteer produced local news show, "In Our Backyard," and feminist news show, "Her Turn."

Madison is also home to the cable access television station WYOU channel 4. WYOU is included in the cable service provided through the university dorms. It is also programmed entirely by volunteers and funded by the public. Both WORT and WYOU are excellent places for students and local community members to gain media experience.

Finally, the Independent Media Center has just founded a Madison website at www.madison.indymedia.org. The Indy Media Center first came about during last November's WTO ministerial meetings in Seattle where it covered the protests and broadcast them to the world completely uncensored. It now has over twenty local sites from locations all over the world.

As a resident of Madison, you are lucky enough to have access to a broad range of independent media sources. When searching for information that is truly uncensored and democratic, look to your local media outlets!

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Disorientation?

Another semester, another year. Another random pamphlet. You've probably recieved a multitude of glossy materials espousing the virtues of UW-Madison, and rightly so. This is a great school, with reknowned faculty, highly rated departments, championship sports teams, all for a relatively low price. But glossy pamphlets are just that: glossy. They put a sugar-coated sheen on all that is good and hide all that isn't. With all the high-reflective paper casting such a bright light, it's hard not to become blind to the many darker aspects of this university. But remember: the brighter the light, the darker the shadow that's cast. This is where we come in. We are attempting to illuminate some of those darker aspects. This is by no means a complete coverage of the university's and surrounding community's flaws. There's much that's said here, but there's much more for you to discover. There is one thing you won't find here, though. No gloss. No attempts to conceal or deceive. No attempts to blind. Just issues and perspectives we think are important. We won't say we're unbiased, but we can say we have no interest in deception. So we give this to you, that's all we can do. The rest is up to you. Enjoy your stay.

TOO MUCH TO SAY

The spring of 2000 saw a resounding victory for students' rights to free speech and self governance. After more than four years of litigation, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision overturning two lower court rulings in *University of Wisconsin v. Southworth*. The court solidly affirmed the rights of students to collect and distribute mandatory student fees to any and all campus groups.

The saga began in 1995 when a UW law student named Scott Southworth, backed by the Alliance Defence Fund, an Arizona-based, conservative Christian law group, sued the UW System because he did not want his student fees paying for activities and groups with which he didn't agree. Groups such as the LGBT Campus Center, UW Greens, MEChA, and the Campus Women's Center were named as some of the "offending" organizations. Although it was veiled as a freedom of speech issue by the plaintiffs, closer examination revealed it to be a very calculated attack by the Christian right on women's, student of color, and queer groups on campus.



Lower and more conservative courts ruled in favor of Southworth and ADF, proposing such unfeasible solutions as check-off systems or line-drawing exercise between political/ideological organizations and so called "neutral" ones. The Supreme Court, however, recognized the dangerous precedent of allowing citizens to opt out of democratic institutions like student governance and struck down the lower rulings.

The Court did say, however, that fees must be distributed in a "viewpoint neutral" manner. Both sides agreed to this stipulation at the beginning of the legal proceedings. The student governments in the UW System do distribute funds in this way—making grants to student organizations not based on ideology, but on the strength of the proposal and the way in which it will contribute to the educational mission of the university. Southworth & Co. are contesting this stipulation, trying to go back on their original agreement. At present, litigation continues.

Student fee autonomy—the right of students to collect and distribute student fees democratically—is fundamental to student power. Through mandatory fees, students have the opportunity to shape the learning that takes place outside of the classroom walls. People like Scott Southworth would like to take this power away, to shut down the "sifting and winnowing of ideas" that enables students to form independent opinions and be exposed to a variety of viewpoints. Thankfully, at least for now, the Supreme Court has acknowledged and upheld this essential part of higher education.

State Street will become more "mall-like" because of property value increases. Also, current inhabitants of State Street will be forced out because of increasing costs of rent.

The residents of Madison will not stand for such a degradation of their community space. Members of the People's Arts District and other critics of the Overture Plan have proposed an alternative plan more in keeping with what will benefit the residents of the State Street area rather than what will draw more yuppies. This quote is taken directly from PAD's mission statement: "Any Madison arts district project should be created from the wisdom of the community and its people. It should reflect the Madison arts tradition of community integration while providing for the diversity that has been, and will always be Madison." PAD believes that the Overture Project must be immediately "democratized". The people must be given their rightful place at the table. For a city that has cloaked itself in a "progressive light", the Overture Project seems to represent a time when it was okay to "cut deals behind closed doors". That the money behind the project is private is immaterial. The Overture Foundation wants

to construct a large, performing arts complex on a public site and then make it public by giving it to a public entity, the "local cultural arts district authority (CADA)" upon completion. This is not enough. It is a public project and public project standards must apply!

Check out the People's Arts District's website for more information on how to get involved.
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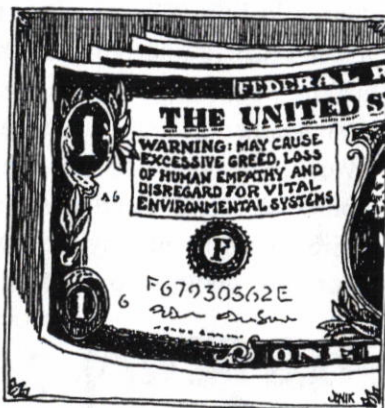


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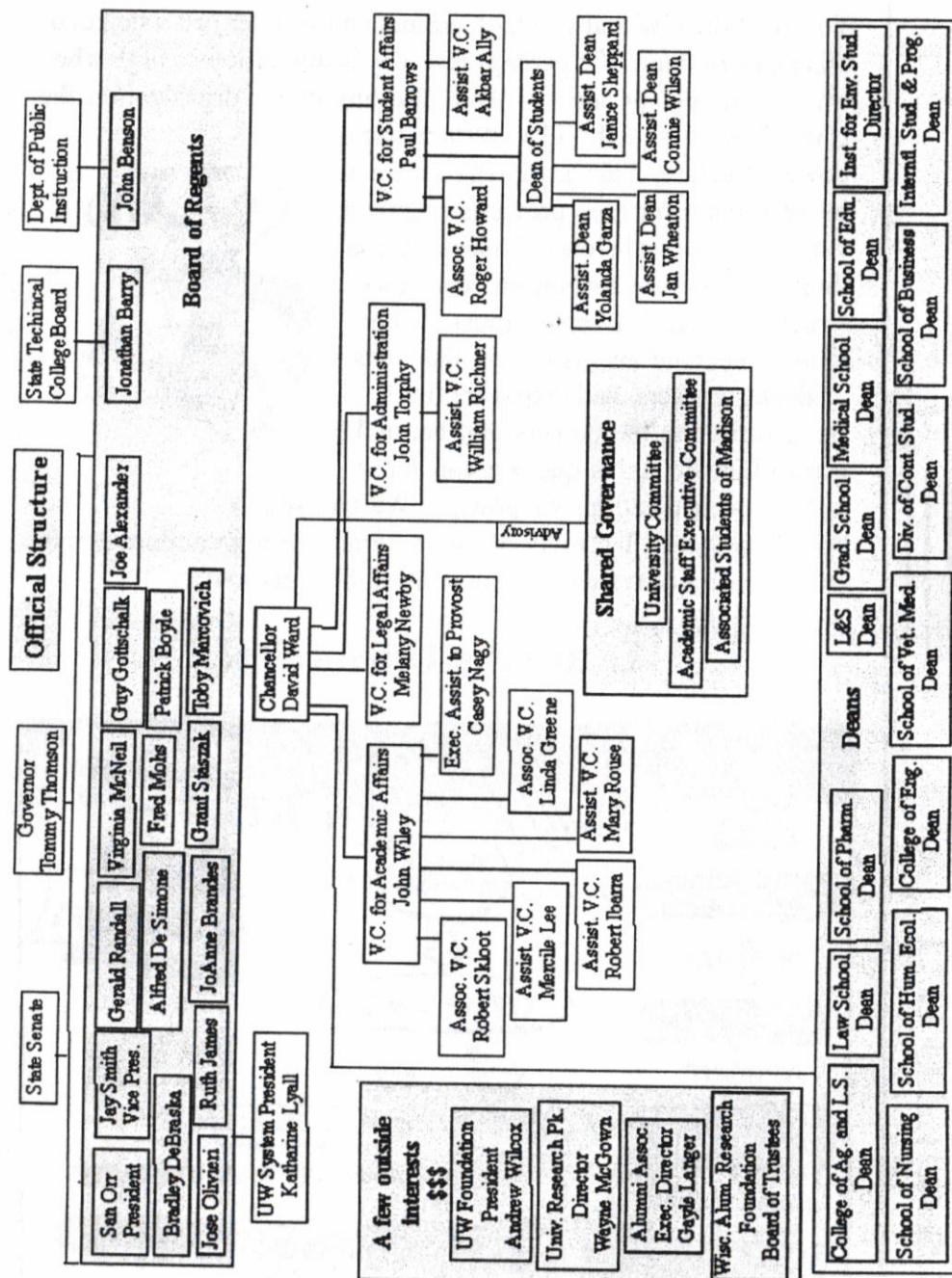
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Local, non-performing artists, (e.g. sculptors, painters, textile artists, potters, film producers) will gain few significant spaces from the Overture Project . . . and the ones they do gain will likely be expensive. Apparently no incubators, media centers, lofts, studios, etc. have been included in the current design. Additional gallery space is okay, but what local artists really need is low-cost, art creation space. The non-performing arts play an important role in strengthening the vitality and attractiveness of Madison's art scene and they have been ignored by Overture.

Secondly, the Overture project has shown a lack of regard for Madison teenagers by forcing the relocation of the New Loft, a youth center which has had its home on the block for 13 years. The New Loft was given promises of \$250,000 by the City and Overture for relocation expenses and then told to "fend for yourself". However, Steve Levine, New Loft Executive Director, said \$2 million would be needed to build, operate, and endow the new facility (Isthmus, February 11, 2000).



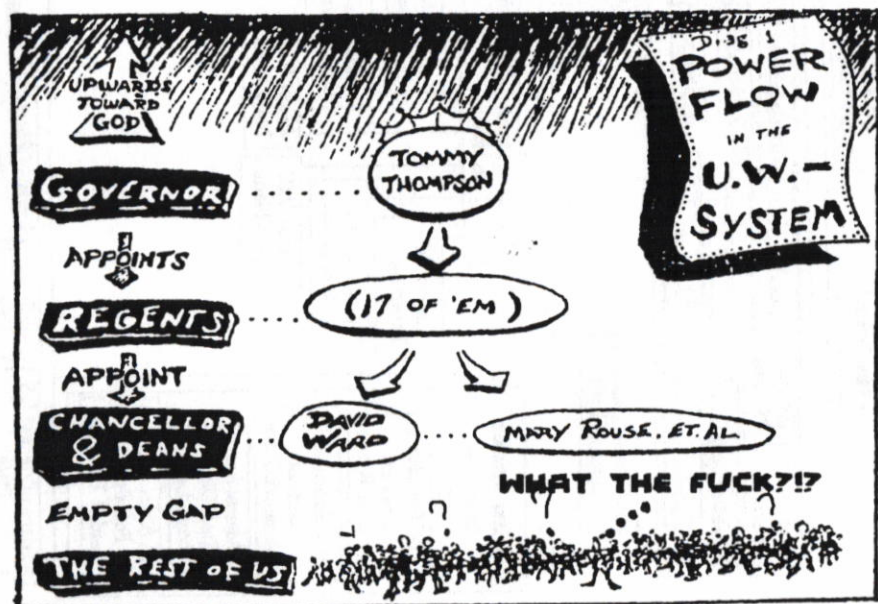
Finally, the entire character of State Street will be altered by the proposed Arts District. There should be no question that a \$100 million investment in a narrow, crowded corridor can result in significant changes, (e.g. increased rents, changing retail, loss of businesses, changing land use, more crowding). The State Street corridor is in the midst of an unprecedented building boom. Sixteen significant projects are being planned or actually built in the downtown area, and the vast majority of them are from the Capitol Square to the UW-campus (Wisconsin State Journal, April 16, 2000). One of these is Cliff Fischer's \$67 million "Metropolitan Place" condominium project in the 300 Block of West Washington. As a result, it can be presumed that 40 to 50% and greater increases in property values will be common along much of State Street. The outcome of these property transactions will not be in keeping with the history and tradition of State Street. Few small, eclectic, funky stores can survive in this environment.



You're at the UW and you look around and wonder just who keeps this place running? Or perhaps just why is my tuition so high when my lab equipment sucks? Well, like any major organization the UW-Madison and the UW system has a power structure. This power structure can be very complex (see previous page) or very simple (look below). Either way you look at it, you're at the bottom. The power structure of the University must change. It must become an institution that puts students, workers, and taxpayers first! By questioning the powers that be, and pressuring the status quo we can place ourselves in positions of power. We can move ourselves up the hierarchy of the system. Through a more democratic University system we can control the University.



We are the University!



There is nowhere in the world quite like State Street. People from all over the world flock to State Street when visiting Madison to experience its unique stores, restaurants and coffee shops. The punks, street musicians and beggars that use State Street as their hang-out space are also a vital part of its culture. However, the eccentricities of State Street have been threatened over the past year with the prospect of becoming a gentrified strip-mall, just like those in Anytown, USA. If the opening of a Starbucks and a Gap wasn't enough, the proposition of building an Arts District on the 200 block of State Street is the most recent challenge to our community.

It all began in late 1996, when the Overture Foundation was created to develop State Street's art community, particularly around the Madison Civic Center. In July 1998, the Overture Foundation announced the first installment of what turned out to be a \$100 million contribution from a single individual, Jerome Frautschi. By its size alone, this contribution would substantially alter Madison forever. Subsequent discussions and decisions would leave Overture to conclude that the entirety of Block 65 (the Civic Center block) would be recommended for a significant performing arts complex. The entire block, owned by the taxpayers of Madison, was virtually handed over to private ownership without the consent of the people of Madison! This

block has been home to many private businesses such as Dotty Dumpling's Dowry, Miller's Eats and Treats, Yost-Kessenich for decades. In the name of the Arts District, these businesses were forced out through condemnation proceedings and their property bought out from underneath them.



While it may seem like building an arts district would help sustain Madison's arts community, there are a number of concerns which have been brought up by critics of the plan in an organization called the People's Arts District (PAD). First of all, from its inception, it has been clear that the Overture Foundation was primarily interested in creating a performing arts complex. Hence it is a complete

misrepresentation to consider the Overture Project as an inclusive "arts district" representing the full range of arts found in the Madison area.

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Believe it or not, there is even a local currency called Madison Hours that lets members exchange without having to participate in the capitalist economy. People can determine their own value for goods and services they offer or need, and the resulting income cannot be extracted from the community. One Madison Hour is equal to ten dollars in the United States (which is what the members decided was a living wage in this area) and many of the alternative businesses mentioned above accept Madison Hours just like federal currency. Pick up a copy of the Madison Hours monthly newspaper "Hour Community" to find out more.

Madison HOURS are locally issued currency.

What'cha doing on the 15th?



Every month Madison HOURS Cooperative holds a potluck, meeting, and trade fair. Its location can be found in the monthly newspaper and participant directory, *YOUR Community*, by calling 259-9050, or visit <http://madisonhours.org>.

Each HOUR has a value equivalent to ten dollars and is backed by the skills and services of the people who use it.

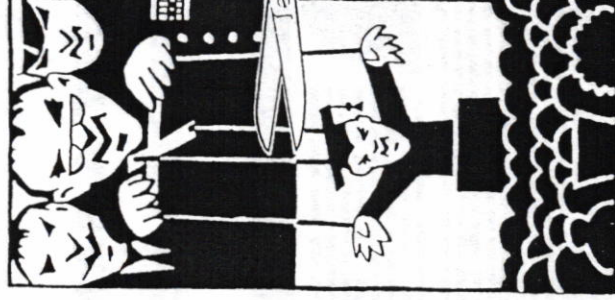
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Participating in the co-operative system is an exciting experience. It puts power where it is rightfully deserved, IN YOUR OWN HANDS, instead of those of the Board of Regents or the corporate executives of Wal-Mart. Co-operatives are a method of building America from the bottom up through a truly democratic process and creating a truly sustainable community.

Elected by nobody. Accountable only to the governor who appoints them. Responsible for the operation of the entire UW system. Although (or perhaps because) relatively few know anything about them, the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents wields an amazing amount of power. Amongst other tasks, they approve the system budget, set tuition levels, and determine the educational future for the entire state. They decide what gets prioritized and what gets set aside. Any major decision at a system school must eventually be taken before them. Simply put, they run the university.

Yet who are they? Well, they are almost entirely white and male. They are business owners, stock holders, lawyers, executives, millionaires. One's a convicted alcoholic. One's a local landlord, one's the son of a local developer. One's a convicted alcoholic and alleged sexual harasser. They are gubernatorial lackeys, the current board having donated a combined sum of \$108,405 with \$227,769 being the sum total donations from all past and present board members. Who aren't the Board of Regents? Well, but for one person they aren't elected officials, with a few exceptions they aren't educators, and, unless your name is Joe Alexander, the lone student regent, they sure as hell aren't you.



This can change, however. Just before the end of the last session of the state legislature, a bill was introduced that would create a fully elected board, with a full third of the seats, as opposed to one, going to students. Seeing to the passage of this bill won't be easy, since not all of our own elected officials honestly support democratic processes, but it can be done. We need to let our legislators know that we demand that our universities, as formularies of society, become democratic institutions in and of themselves. And if they don't support our right to elect, then we won't support their elections again.

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Businesses and Stocks Owned: Fred Motha is a lawyer at Motha, MacDonald, Waddell & Paradise and sits on the Board of Directors of four corporations. Motha is also a developer and landlord of many

The People's Choice

Did the experiences of roaming the endless aisles of the University Bookstore, moving into your cramped McDorm room, or filling your refrigerator with food from corporate giants such as Super K-Mart leave you feeling like an unimportant cog in a big, confusing machine? It is easy to feel lost and insignificant in the machinations of the bureaucracy of a large university system. However, the Madison co-operatives and collectives value your individuality and participation in their community.

People from all walks of life participate in and benefit from the very active co-op scene in Madison. Co-operatives are member-owned, allowing people to benefit directly from low prices, a high quality product, and a sense of solidarity. The ideal of collectives goes a step further by leaving all decision-making and management to the workers themselves, eliminating the need for bosses and hierarchies. All of the co-ops operate under a consensus-based decision-making system in which each member has one vote.

Co-ops as we know them go back to 1844, when the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers was formed in England to alleviate the suffering & exploitation of the industrial revolution. It attempted to form a community where well-intentioned people could cooperate for the common good. One part of the plan was a cooperative store, owned by its customers, which distributed profits according to their use of the store, rather than in proportion to their investment. Again, power of control was granted on the basis of one member, one vote, instead of one share, one vote.

Co-operatives come in many different forms such as markets, bookstores, pharmacies, banks and housing co-ops. Madison is particularly known for its food co-ops. Willy St. Co-op, Mifflin St. Co-op and Regent Market Co-op offer organic produce, member discounts, and socially responsible buying practices. Mifflin Street Co-op is the oldest of the three. Started in 1969 as part of the Mifflin Street community-building project, it today serves many of the downtown and campus residents. In addition, if you want to order food in bulk, check out North Farm Cooperative's "Buyer's Club".

Looking for a change?

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- *Buy/Sell/Produce Weapons of War
- *Discriminate
- *Pollute the Earth
- *Sell tobacco/alcohol to children

Is this the checklist of some evil supervillain? Well kind of, these are all activities of corporations, corporations that the University of Wisconsin has money invested. How much money you ask? Well it adds up to around \$500 MILLION dollars!

The UW Trust Fund holds stocks and bonds in over 200 different companies. Companies such as Enron, Exxon, Philip Morris, General Electric and others bring in millions of bloody dollars to the UW every year. The Board of Regents, which manages the portfolio, doesn't seem to care about these issues even though the Regents have passed a "social responsibility" amendment which reads, "Substantial Social Injury with regard to corporate behavior is defined as the injurious impact on employees, consumers, and/or other individuals or groups resulting directly from specific actions or inactions by a company." The Amendment goes on to state that this social injury can be the result of breaking laws, basic freedoms, and human rights. Despite this seemingly strong statement the amendment also reads, "The primary fiduciary responsibility of the Board of Regents is to maximize financial return." So what would happen if the UW invested responsibly? According to one study we would have made more money! So why haven't they acted? Perhaps the reason is that well-off regents have stock portfolios similar to the UW's and would lose money if the UW divested from an evil company.

Examples of money "well spent":

Enron: This company is responsible for unwanted development in India. Through bribes, schemes, and force Enron has imposed its projects on the Indian people. Through investigation it has been proven that Enron has used government force to suppress the rights of native people.

Philip Morris: Do we really need to say more? Besides marketing to kids, Philip Morris owns Kraft. Kraft has been responsible for screwing farmers out of millions of dollars. They have used monopolistic practices to gain control nearly 50% of the food market.

Wal-Mart: Ever checked the tags at a Wal-Mart store? What you find will most likely have been made in a sweatshop. Sweatshops violate the rights of the workers like no other environment. Workers as young as 4 or 5 may be forced to work 18 hour days, 7 days a week for pay that doesn't even buy enough food for the week.

2 NO BLOODY CLOTHES

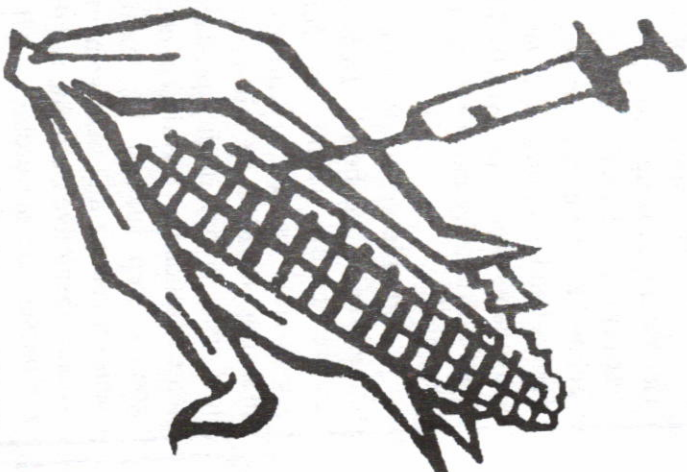
Last year was witness to yet another round of anti-sweatshop activism. Although the coalition of anti-sweatshop protesters which occupied Bascom Hall in February of '99 successfully won a stronger code of conduct for apparel companies manufacturing UW clothing, they were forced to take action again a year later after little progress had been made.

The occupation of February 2000 resulted from a series of broken promises and a halting of dialogue on the part of the administration. In the fall of 1999, 3 students joined a 9 member UW committee to continue evaluating the university's relationship to apparel production. The issue which brought the students and administrators to conflict was which factory-monitoring organizations the university should join. On one side was the Fair Labor Association (FLA) which developed out of a business and government partnership in the summer of '99, has corporate representatives on its governing board, and allows corporations to handpick representatives to check out their own factories. On the other side was the Workers' Rights Consortium (WRC), created by students, labor unions and human rights groups internationally as an alternative to the corporate controlled FLA. Corporations have no power in the WRC, whose ultimate goal is worker empowerment. At the end of the fall semester, Chancellor David Ward decreed that the university join the FLA, overruling a committee vote of 5-4 in favor of joining the WRC and severing ties with the FLA, and completely ignoring student opposition.

On Wednesday, February 16, 2000, students and community members reacted. Seven students entered the offices of the chancellor and asked to speak with him about his decision. They were told he was not there. About 15 minutes later, 80 more students marched up Bascom Hill desiring the same conversation, but they were locked

out of the room. Following a police/student conflict which resulted in many students being hit with pepper-spray, the mysteriously missing

Last May, the state released the first \$570,000 of the BioStar funding to design the addition to the existing Biotechnology Center. In June, the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, an organization whose mission is to protect the intellectual property rights of research discoveries made at the UW, pledged \$80 million to fund BioStar. This money makes up half of the university's share of the \$317 million and puts BioStar on the fast track to biodevastation right here in Wisconsin's own "Silicon Valley."



NATURE'S BAKERY

Other bakeries may call their products "natural", but check the label. You'll find that some of those corporate bakeries are feeding you ingredients like white flour and refined sugar under the guise of a healthy product. At Nature's we use only whole grain, organic flour and many other organic ingredients. All of our products are vegetarian (even our pepperoni) and many are vegan. Nature's is worker owned and operated, so no "boss" makes money off our labor! Without the added overhead of a non-productive boss, we can afford to offer you truly healthy food at prices that are often less than our corporate competitors. You can find our products at your local co-op and you can save money by buying our products in bulk at our storefront at 1019 Williamson Street. We'd love to see you!

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Wisconsin is on the fast track to becoming the "Silicon Valley of the 21st century" according to Gov. Tommy Thompson. Thompson, a Republican, made biotechnology a top priority in his State of the State address earlier this year by announcing the \$317 million BioStar initiative to build new biotechnology buildings on the UW-Madison campus.

The UW is already home to the University of Wisconsin Biotechnology Center, opened in 1995 with a price tag of \$27 million. The state-of-the-art building, located on Henry Mall, offers UW researchers everything from transgenic mice to plant biotechnology. The BioStar Initiative will include additions to the current biotechnology building and the Biochemistry Building, a new \$100 million Microbial Sciences Building, and a \$105 million Interdisciplinary Sciences Building. By the time these buildings are completed within the next ten years, Wisconsin will have invested \$909 million in biotechnology since 1990 in an attempt to tap into the projected \$40 billion commercial market for the field.



The money to fund BioStar will come from public/private partnerships, with half of the \$317 million coming from the state and the other half from private sources. This is in line with recent trends in which public university funding has come from private sources. UW-Madison Chancellor David Ward, who has promoted the use of private funds in an attempt to "redefine how we fund essential needs on campus," commended Thompson last spring saying, "UW-Madison must take the lead in biotechnology."

chancellor arrived to say that the university had withdrawn from the FLA and that the protesters could stay in the office until Monday if they had any further demands, which they did. Among other demands, they wanted to join the WRC. Unfortunately, Chancellor Ward lied. Instead of having a dialogue with the protesters, he used his "ultimate-executive-decision-making-power" to deploy 70 police in full riot gear at 4am on Sunday who stormed the building and arrested 54 people, 7 of whom had locked themselves together with bike U-Locks.



The UW eventually joined WRC, the protesters were eventually charged with a civil ordinance violation for "being in a university building outside of business hours," and the chancellor eventually resigned.

Since then, students across the country have staged similar occupations and there are now over 50 universities in the WRC with more to come. Students have been working with labor unions including the AFL-CIO, UNITE, and USWA; joined delegations to factories across the world, from the Philippines to Honduras; and participated in a Living Wage Symposium, held in Madison, to determine how a living wage (as opposed to a minimum wage) is calculated.

This organizing has left many corporate CEO's squirming in their plush executive office chairs. For example, Phil Knight, the CEO of Nike became so outraged at the University of Oregon's failure to consult with him before joining the WRC, that he decided to withhold a \$30 million dollar donation for a new stadium and any donations thereafter!

The hard work of students and their supporters on over 200 campuses who have organized against this overt corporate influence in their universities will not be ignored. At the UW, we will continue to struggle for a university with stronger student voice in the decision-making process, free of corporate influence, and free of exploitation of workers!

Corporate Executive Training School?

Despite nagging concerns about skyrocketing tuition, dwindling state support, financial aid cutbacks, overcrowded classrooms, faculty hiring freezes, and declining student services, the last few years have seen a dramatic upsurge in new building developments on campus. Unfortunately, the bulk of these have very little to do with improving the educational experiences of University students, and much more to do with serving the needs of power-hungry and greedy corporate executives. In addition to more conventional methods of university subsidized corporate welfare, University officials have set about creating elaborate and lavish centers where powerful white men can scratch each others backs in luxury. We can see an example of this in the recent creation of the \$31 million Fluno Center for Executive Education. While University officials have ignored student requests for a Chicano Studies Department for decades (the creation of which would benefit actual students immensely), they didn't think twice about approving this newest center intended solely for use by high powered business executives.

Students are not products



The purpose of the Fluno Center is to

provide quality returning education to specific industries and firms. The goal of this endeavor is for the Business School to maintain competitiveness in the face of other high profile executive training centers at schools such as Minnesota, Michigan, and Northwestern. What this really means is that the UW-Business School needs to recruit upper-management students so that its faculty and administration can rub elbows with the elite. To aid this cause, the Fluno Center is equipped with a "study pub", amphitheater, exercise facility, the choice of "executive dining" or "skyview dining", and deluxe "hotel-style" suites with the latest computers, fax modems, and whirlpool bathtubs (just like the dormitories).

Even more disturbing than the function of the Fluno Center, is the process through which it was created. By funneling the creation of the Fluno Center through several channels, the University has denied the workers within the Fluno Center the right to be members of the local union representing other university workers (AFSCME 171). By denying this right, the University is denying the workers the right to a fair contract with job protections and dignity, and have opened up the floodgates for further union busting.

The Business School and the University are saying that they do not care about their workers. Workers run this university and should have a say in their employment and working conditions. The workers in the Fluno center do not have a legal say in their working conditions and they can be fired at any time without

BIOTECH

Frankenfoods. Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). Biotech Crops. You may have read about it in the news, or perhaps science class; wherever the source biotech crops are relatively new, complicated and controversial. Biotechnology allows scientists to alter a plant or animals' genetic makeup. Some of this technology is simply an extension of natural processes. For example trading DNA within species. The type of biotechnology of greatest concern to food activists is transgenic crop mutation. This type of biotechnology takes sequences of DNA from one type of organism and places it into the DNA of another. Different species of plants can be combined as well as plants to animals.

Science fiction you say? Not at all, examples of this technology are all around. Strawberries have been engineered with flounder genes to produce crops that are more resistant to frost. Salmon have been injected with bear DNA to produce fish that grow rapidly in one year, allowing for rapid harvest. Monsanto engineered Bt corn, that was supposed to make the crop resistant to corn borer. It provided the resistance but killed monarch butterflies that fed off the corn, or were just exposed to corn pollen!

Sounds good to me, you might say, what's the problem? Well in addition to killing the monarchs, the transgenic modification of plants has led to problems with allergens. A soybean that had led to problems with allergens. A soybean that had Brazil Nut genes was found to cause an allergic response to a person with nut allergies. Another problem is that of genetic drift. The engineered plants can cross-pollinate with non-engineered species. These species then display some of the engineered characteristics. This could lead to a loss of genetic diversity or "superweeds" that are resistant to everything. Industry claims that the use of transgenic crops will result in the use of less herbicides and pesticides. According to their own studies, though, this is untrue. Several companies have projected increased sales in pesticides due to GMO crops, not a decrease.

So who funds this stuff? Well, a couple of sources. The government provides a lot of the money, and industry contributes a little. It is where the research is done that is a problem. While the actual creation of new strains of transgenic crops is done at corporate labs, much of the groundwork is done here on campuses like the UW. Industry may contribute to the research or they may not, but they are the ones who reap the benefits of the research, not the University. Industry can contribute as little as a couple thousand dollars of a million-dollar project and still receive the patent rights for the work. Who pays the rest? Taxpayers.

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FOOD ACTIVISM:

Healthy Food Choices Campaign - a coalition of groups and individuals who want to take direct action to change the food system, working on a range of issues from biotechnology to Coke in the public schools (Sam Gieryn, 256-1250)

Madison Area Community Supported Agriculture Coalition - working to support and expand direct provision of fresh produce from local farms to consumers (Sarah Laufer, 226-0300)

Dane County REAP (Research, Education, Action, and Policy on Food) Group - organize the annual Food For Thought Festival each September (Jack Kloppenburg, 262-6867)

STUDENT-ORIENTED GROUPS

F. H. King Students of Sustainable Agriculture - information exchange and speakers in weekly meetings of students from a wide variety of majors, learn to grow your own in the group's organic garden (Eric Klein, 204-9058)

UW-Greens - information, education, and action on issues regarding the environmental and social justice #262-9036

College Food Project - an initiative bringing local, sustainable foods into the University of Wisconsin dining service, sponsors a series of organic dinners in the dining halls (Janet Parker, 238-7282)

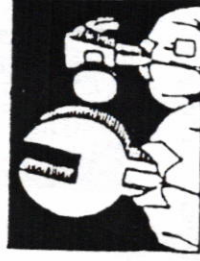
ALTERNATIVE FOOD STORES:

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Regent Market Cooperative

legal recourse. Also, without being members of the Union, Fluno Center workers have no means whereby to assert their power and collectively struggle to earn better wages and better working conditions.

The University has been able to get away with this sham because of its manipulation of bureaucratic smoke and mirrors. The Fluno Center is actually run by a shell non-profit corporation called the Center for Advanced Studies in Business (CASB). The University would like to claim that since the owner of the Fluno Center is CASB, University officials have no connection to nor power over the administration of the Fluno. This is misleading since the actual connections run deep. For one, CASB was created for the sole purpose of working to benefit the UW-Madison School of Business, through the funneling of resources into developments and other projects. This non-profit only exists because the Business School created it, and it is currently run by the Director of the Business School, Ted Beck (who coincidentally is the highest paid administrator on campus).

Teachers are not tools



There are many possible reasons why the Fluno Center was created through CASB, and not as a direct project of the University. Most likely the Business School realized that it would receive harsh criticism and would have to struggle in order to get the University to approve of such a hare-brained project as this. So instead of wanting to be held accountable to the University community, officials decided to run roughshod over democracy and skirt the process through which other University projects must get approved.

This is not to say that there wasn't wholesale collusion by University administration throughout the Fluno's birth. We can see that high ranking University officials approved of the project, as the University itself had to buy the land where the Fluno Center is located from the city, in order to lease the air rights (at practically no cost) to CASB. The land where Fluno is located is owned by the University, and the 300+ parking spaces underneath are managed by the University.

Despite this obvious support by high ranking University officials, CASB needed more help in getting the Fluno Center off the ground. In order to get the banks to grant loans for construction of the Fluno Center, CASB sought the financial assistance of the UW-Foundation. The UW-Foundation is the non-profit, fundraising arm of the University of Wisconsin, and it co-signed loans taken out for the construction of the Fluno Center. The Foundation's sole purpose is to raise private money earmarked for specific University projects (usually projects which benefit the corporate donors). The Foundation would like to claim that it is independent from the University and acts only as a philanthropic organization. Despite these claims, Foundation/University connections run deep. A number of the Directors of the UW-Foundation are currently or have previously

been on the UW-Board of Regents (the highest governing board in the University System). Also, a number of the Directors are currently on the Chancellor Search and Screen Committee, the group that will ultimately help choose the next ruler of UW-Madison.

As you've probably already guessed, the overwhelming majority of the UW-Foundation Directors are very rich, very old, and very white. To give some examples of how far removed these characters are from the students they are supposed to be helping, here's a sample of some of their backgrounds. Directors include the President of Sprint International, the former Secretary of the Army under the Nixon Administration, several very wealthy investment brokers, and Jere Fluno himself (whom the Fluno Center was named after, and who sits as vice-chairman of W.W. Grainger Inc., an Illinois industrial company after which the Business School named its building, Grainger Hall).

The University is not a factory

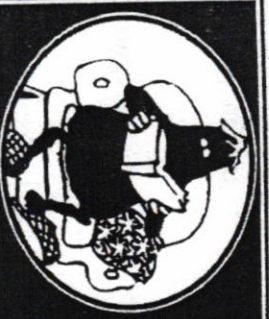


All of these connections are so disturbing because of the trust that was broken when the Fluno Center decided to ignore the long-standing relationship the University has had with its workers, by denying Fluno workers a chance to be members of the union. Instead of allowing the workers in the Fluno Center to join the union through which all other blue-collar workers on campus are organized (AFSCME Local 171), CASB has used its status as a non-profit corporation to deny any formal connection to the University, and so has held firm in its resolution to deny any obligation to honor the union. In fact, since CASB has contracted out the management of the Fluno Center to Aramark Corp. (a viciously anti-union management company), it is obvious that keeping the Fluno workers from unionizing is a top priority.

And since we know that a high level of University cooperation and collusion was necessary for this project to get off the ground, the University itself deserves blame for allowing these campus workers to get cheated out of a fair salary and a say in the management of their workplace. Truth be told, all of the players who conspired to create the Fluno Center knew exactly what they were doing when they created it in a manner which would allow them to deny workers respect and dignity on the job. And by doing this, they have set an awful precedent for future development projects.

And we forget our responsibilities to the creatures we consume. What ought be a sacrament is a holocaust. 24 million chickens, 360,000 hogs and 130,000 cows die each day after living their brief lives in brutal, industrial conditions. We breed them into caricatures of their species to suit our needs, making cows into carnivores and chickens into cannibals. Packing them together creates enormous pollution problems, and undermines our own health as the antibiotics we feed them give rise to antibiotic resistant microorganisms.

We need to take back control over our own lives and futures. And food is a great place to begin! Eating three times a day, we can continuously make small but cumulatively important strides toward a sustainable future. You can make a statement in Madison, against the corporate control of our food supply, by shopping at the farmer's market, buying organic foods, and buying in local food coops, such as Miffelin Street and Willy Street. As a community, we can buy organic foods. We can buy in co-ops instead of supermarkets. We can be willing to pay the real price of food. We can establish connections to local farmers through community supported agriculture. We can learn to grow our own. We can buy less meat. We can buy fair-traded foods. We can patronize restaurants that work to use local and organic products. We can learn more about the food we eat. We can eat mindfully. Support your local food growers and sellers!



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The global food system is, alas, now too often unjust, unhealthy, and unsustainable. Of course, the principal problem is the enormous concentration of economic and political power which is going ahead in the food/farming sector: Unilever buys Ben and Jerry's, Cargill acquires Continental Grain, Philip Morris gobbles up Nabisco. These huge multinationals then deploy their power to determine what products we are offered, to lobby governments for friendly regulation, and to use the media to shape what we think and to shape what we want (or think we want).

What kind of a food system do we have then? Well, a dominating, information poor system in which the companies do pretty much what they please, to the detriment of human and natural communities. Every day more farmers go out of business and every day we export more soil to the Gulf of Mexico via erosion. Perhaps the clearest indictment of the entire system is the 7,000 square mile dead zone in the Gulf. Soil and manure and fertilizer wash down the Mississippi watershed from the wheat and corn belts and creates a soup so fertile that algae blooms displace or kill all living creatures over thousands of square miles. Our very own Lake Mendota suffers from a similar overabundance of algae due in part to farm contaminants.

As food is shipped from longer distances it must either be bred to stand up to the travel (hard tomatoes, gas-ripened peaches) or be protected with packaging (18% of the waste in our landfills is food packaging). With 17,000 new food products a year (out of the 240,000 total available in supermarkets) we are encouraged to eat more salt and sugar and animal fats. Women now suffer an epidemic of eating disorders as they struggle with the conflicting messages of corporate sales talk.



Illustration by Peter Aronson

Teaching Assistants' Association - TAA

The Teaching Assistants' Association, the oldest graduate employee union in the United States, represents 2900 Teaching Assistants (TAs) and Project Assistants (PAs) who work at UW-Madison. The union negotiates with the State and University administration on wages, benefits, and working conditions for all TAs and PAs.

The TAA was a visible force on campus last year. On October 27, 1999, 200 TAA members and union supporters from the UW community packed the Memorial Union before a scheduled bargaining session, loudly denouncing a management proposal to eliminate dissertation salary for TAs, a move that would have resulted in significant pay cuts for numerous TAA members. Management withdrew the pay cut proposal shortly thereafter. When management asked that we enter mediation to reach a settlement, over 100 TAA members and labor activists filled the halls of the Memorial Union on the first day of mediation (February 23, 2000), reminding the UW that we would be vigilant and ready for further action if necessary for a fair contract.



Get involved. Get organized.

Teaching Assistants' Association
AFT/WT Local 3220 AFL-CIO
256-4375



In March 2000, after a year-long campaign, the TAA won a new contract. The agreement included better training for TAs, improved workload protections, and significant pay increases for TAs and PAs, including a 34% raise for regular PAs.

In addition to our work on a new contract last year, the TAA also took part in many labor solidarity actions. Six TAA members were arrested at Bascom Hall with students protesting the UW's reliance on sweatshop labor, and we walked picket lines with workers at Meriter Hospital and the Monona School District. We also rallied with workers at the Rock-Tenn plant in defense of the 8-hour day.

We look ahead to the 2000-2001 year with great anticipation as we prepare for new contract talks in March 2001. During the fall TAA members will begin forming the bargaining platform and gearing up for our new contract campaign. We also look forward to maintaining our involvement in the local progressive community. You may contact the TAA office at 256-4375.

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Figure 2. Body radiological points (total).

No signs supported by standards or sticks shall be permitted in any assembly in a university building."

2. Ask if you are under arrest. If so, ask why. Even if you are not under arrest, you may still be detained. Never run from a police officer.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED

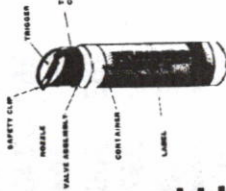
2. You have the right to remain silent; use it. Tell the police nothing except your name, age and address. Don't give explanations or stories for your

3. Ask to talk to a lawyer at once. You will probably be allowed to do so by phone after being taken into custody. If you are arrested for a jailable offense and you can't pay for a lawyer, you still have the right to court-appointed counsel. Don't talk to the police until your lawyer is present.
4. If the police say they have a warrant, ask to see it. Whether or not the police have a warrant to search you or your property, you can protect your rights by making it clear that you do not agree to a search. Do not physically resist.

The following quotes are all from either UW statutes or from individual officers. All pictures with the exception of the AR-15 come from *Civil Disturbances*, FM 19-15, Headquarters, Department of the Army, October, 1975.

"UW Police Officers are equipped with 9mm —  — handguns and 9mm AR-15 rifles."

COLT AR-15



"UW Police offices are equipped with pepper spray and batons."

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For banner drops...

"No person may climb into, out of or on university buildings or maintenance facilities or walk upon the roof of a university building."

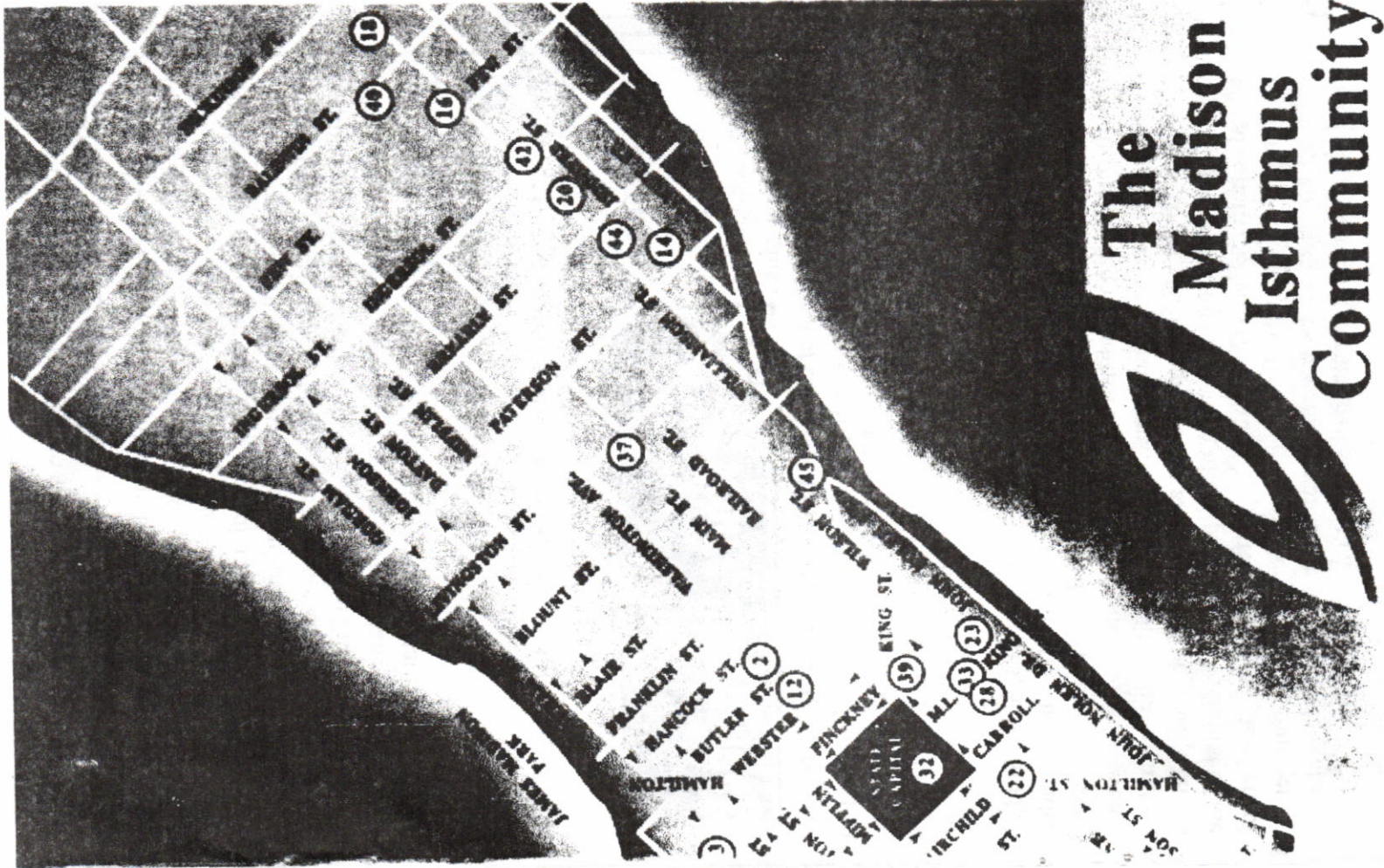
"No person may erect, post, or attach any signs, posters, pictures or any item of a similar nature in or on any building or upon other university lands except on regularly established bulletin boards."

For other activities...

"...any picketing, rally, parade, demonstration, or other assembly, or congregation of spectators to such activity may be declared unlawful if its participants:

Intentionally gather or intentionally remain assembled outside any university building in such numbers, in such proximity to each other, or in such fashion as to physically hinder entrance to, exit from, or normal use of the building.

Intentionally congregate or assemble within any university building in such fashion as to obstruct or seriously impair university-sponsored or university-authorized activities, or in such a fashion as to violate any of the following conditions:



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Students Take Action

One of the best ways to cope with such a hostile environment is to organize and change it! Believe it or not, things are better here than they used to be. In 1985, students and faculty of color formed the Minority Coalition in response to series of racist incidents on campus. The coalition issued the Holley Report, documenting the problems and calling for policy changes. In 1988 they won the watered-down Madison Plan, which created a new "interim" multicultural center, a fund for hiring female faculty and faculty of color, and an ethnic studies requirement. With the university's attention focused upon promoting diversity, levels of representation of woman and people of color on campus has increased at unprecedented rates, although not keeping pace with the national average.



Motivated by rumors that the Board of Regents was planning to eliminate affirmative action California-style, student groups formed the Civil Rights Defense Coalition (CRDC) in 1995. Through the activism of the CRDC, students won UW approval of goals, timelines, and policy changes to address poor recruitment and

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www.infoshop.org

www.tao.ca

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www.sit.wisc.edu/~democrac

www.corporations.org/democracy

Have you heard about the WTO? After last year how could you not. Check out the following sites to discover more information on the international movement against globalization.

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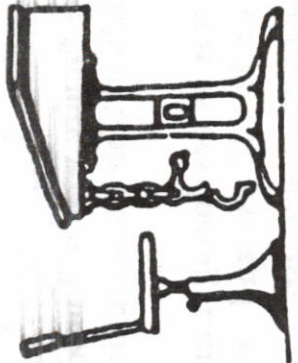
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retention, a lack of financial aid, racial bias in the state's primary and secondary schools, and a hostile cultural climate on and off campus. After years of broken administrative promises, students protested the under-funding of the Multicultural Council's (MCC) budget which develops a majority of the campus programming that addresses multicultural issues. In 1996, students won a funding increase of \$50,000 to go toward the (MCC) budget. Last year, the Multicultural Student Coalition (MCSC) formed to work on campus climate issues. Look for a new student of color orientation sponsored by the MCSC in mid-September.

Women, people of color, people with disabilities, and gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered (GLBT), students deserve to be here. We also deserve to feel safe and be respected.

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- *Assure departmental security and develop awareness, knowledge, and appreciation of Chicana/o history, language, and culture.
- *Encourage educational endeavors and academic excellence.
- *Attract students and full-time faculty who will produce ground breaking work in the field of Chicana/o Studies.
- *Build a reputable Academic study by developing research on Chicana/os that will properly address and create solution to the problems that face our community.
- *Promote accountability of professors and staff.
- *Increase recruitment and retention of students, faculty, and staff.
- *Build a connection between the campus community and the local and national Chicana/o community.
- *Advance equity of services.

The students involved with the Queer Student Alliance decided that there needed to be a system that was highly visible, safe, and comforting. Two wimmin in QSA designed a program that was based on a model already in place at the UC-Boulder. Essentially, MARC is a program that has reporting forms and resource info in the bathrooms of the major buildings on campus. Additionally, there is a confidential drop-box in each of these buildings where students can conveniently drop off the forms.

Why bathrooms? Because everyone needs to use them; this gives the reporting system very high visibility. Furthermore, if you constantly see these forms in the bathroom, it might encourage more people to report hate crimes and sexual harassment. Far too often these crimes go unreported. It was also hoped that the ubiquity of the forms would send the message that it is NOT okay to harass or assault people. Thus, we hoped to change the culture of the campus, while increasing reporting!

The forms are meant to be anonymous, and are primarily for statistical purposes. However, if students offer their name, they have the option of taking further action through either the Dean of Students office or the campus police. But, if they simply want to report what happened as a way of alerting the administration that these crimes DO occur on campus, that is fine and accomplishes the mission of the program.

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We had three simple, yet innovative, recommendations for the University. First, we wanted the UW-Madison to put out a press release saying they disagreed with the Dept. of Defense policy; this was immediately agreed upon. Our second recommendation required a bit more integrity. We wanted the UW to add to their anti-discrimination statement a clause alerting that ROTC programs do discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. Our message was that this is simply "truth in advertising;" ROTC discriminates and it is the UW's responsibility to let that be known. This too was agreed upon, and it has already been implemented.

Our third recommendation was the creation of a Leadership Program that would offer the benefits of an ROTC experience primarily for, but not limited to, those who under normal circumstances would not be able to participate in ROTC- notably queers and people who are differently-abled. Surprisingly, this too was agreed upon. The Leadership Program is likely to be an inter-disciplinary program that spans the spectrum from business to psychology. We have outlined what a few other colleges offer, and we expect that the UW will have its Curriculum Committee work out the remaining details. Additionally, just as many students in ROTC receive scholarships, money is being raised to create some scholarships for this program.

With those three recommendations turning into actions, essentially we got everything we wanted. This was a huge victory. A huge victory for queers, a huge victory for ASM, and a huge victory for civil rights.

Another project on campus that sprung out of the Queer Student Alliance was the new Making a Respectful Campus (MARC) program. If you're a womyn, person of color, or queer, you know that harassment and discrimination are quite pervasive on campus. While there are ways to report this harassment, it can often be daunting; especially in the context of just having been traumatized. The channels of reporting are often invisible to most people don't know how to report sexual harassment or hate crimes until they've been on this campus for years, and that's only if you know where to look.

University of Wisconsin prides itself on passing the most diverse plan in the nation but has failed to produce actual equality for all.

THE COMMUNITY WILL NOT STAND FOR IT

AND WE DEMAND A DEPARTMENT NOW

CEASE ETHNIC EXCLUSION!

MEChA as a component of the Chicana/o Studies Department Organizing Committee invite you to take an initiative to help in the struggle to obtain department status for Chicana/o Studies.



For more information call:

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Deborah Vesquez @

the MEChA office

#608-263-4830

or e-mail


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On Campuses across America 1 in 4 women graduate having been sexually assaulted! (Sexual assault in Wisconsin is defined by the law as: any unwanted sexual touching or contact.)

In 1995 a study about sexual assault was done of senior women at UW-Madison. The study resulted in the publication of the fact that 27% of senior women were survivors (or "victims") of sexual assault. But what does the University say about this? What did the administration do in response to this staggering number? Nothing. The administrators (those who could make immediate, systemic change) stayed in desperate denial of the pain of thousands of their students. Denial that is costing Madison women. And even after the study's release, only some of the most radical activists are willing to admit that this likely means that somewhere around 27% of men on the UW-Madison campus have committed rape. (Polls that ask specific past behavior questions indicate even higher percentages.)

It is worth noting that while most rape in general, and on UW-Madison's campus specifically, is men sexually assaulting women, there are men who assault men, women who assault women and also women who assault men. All sexual assault is wrong, harmful and should be addressed by the university and the community as a whole.

However, neither the university nor the community has truly addressed sexual assault, except to relay all of the victim-blaming, rape supportive myths of the last 2000 years. What do they teach women at SOAR? To not walk alone at night, and to not drink "too much." Some women have been told that to wear something "too sexy" is asking to be raped. The posters in the dorms tell women not to drink, since many of the rapes on campus involve alcohol. The University Dorms, for the most part, don't place women in first floor rooms. We learn, sometimes at different paces, to lock our doors, park under a light, carry our keys in strike mode, and be wary of bushes, etc etc etc. So when something happens to us we think "I shouldn't have been drinking. My skirt was too short. Why did I leave the party with him?" etc etc etc. No matter what you wear, where you walk, or how much you drink-your body is yours!!!!



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Queer Victories at UW Madison

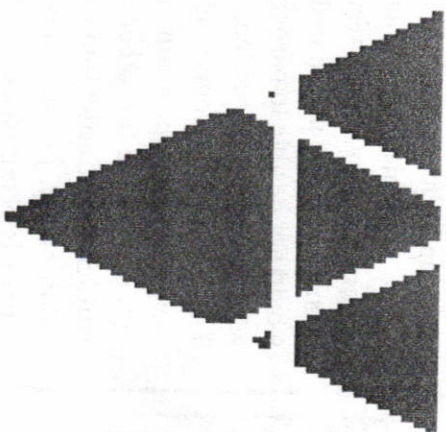
Ah, Y2K has descended upon us, and what is the greatest threat to the US military, the most effective killing machine ever to exist in the history of the world? Not more countries developing nuclear arms or more communications breakdowns between rival countries, but queers in the military. Yes, hockey haircuts and lip-synching to Madonna are considered factors in the gravest threat to US National Security. And not just to the armed forces, but the National Guard and ROTC programs as well.

Some of us on the UW-Madison campus decided we were fed up with this blatant discrimination, and that something needed to be done. Granted, by no means do we support US militarism, imperialism, or colonialism which is essentially what our national "defense" is used for. We do not support the military being used as pawns advancing the agenda of Big Business and US "interests." However, as queers, we felt that this discrimination against us was immoral and not to be tolerated.

So, what was our course of action? We convinced our student government, the Associated Students of Madison (ASM) to run a campaign against the ROTC program on campus.

While we could not kick ROTC off campus due to a federal law stating that colleges that expel ROTC programs will lose all federal funding, we were able to bring about a more equitable situation for queers on this campus.

Our campaign was called the Equal Rights Initiative and included: writing a 30 page report documenting the history of the relationship between the UW-Madison and its ROTC program and presenting testimony as to the experience of being a closeted queer in today's ROTC program. We also hosted a full-on press conference and distributed copies of the report among top UW administrators. Within a few weeks we were meeting with powerful people.



"Did You Scream?"

The law discriminates against rape victims in a manner that would not be tolerated by victims of any other crime. In the following example, a holdup victim is asked questions similar to those usually asked a survivor of rape.

"Mr. Smith, were you held up at gunpoint on the corner of Lake and Langdon?"

"Yes."

"Did you struggle with the robber?"

"No."

"Why not?"

"He was armed."

"Then you made a conscious decision to comply with his demands rather than to resist?"

"Yes."

"Did you scream? Cry out?"

"No. I was afraid."

"I see. Have you ever been held up before?"

"No."

"Have you ever given money away?"

"Yes, of course."

"And did you do so willingly?"

"What are you getting at?"

"Well, let's put it like this, Mr. Smith. You've given money away in the past- in fact, you have quite a reputation of

"THE RAPE OF MR. SMITH"

philanthropy. How can we be sure that you weren't contriving to have the money taken from you by force?"

"Listen, if I wanted-"

"Never mind. What time did this holdup take place, Mr. Smith?"

"About 11 PM."

"You were out on the streets at 11 PM? Doing what?"

"Just walking."

"Just walking? You know that it's dangerous being out on the streets that late at night. Weren't you aware that you could have been held up?"

"I hadn't thought about it."

"What were you wearing at the time, Mr. Smith?"

"Let's see. A suit. Yes, a suit."
"An expensive suit?"

"Well- yes."

"In other words, Mr. Smith, you were walking around the streets late at night in a suit that practically advertised the fact that you might be a good target for some easy money, is that so? I mean, if we didn't know better, we might think that you were asking for this to happen, mightn't we?"

"Look, can't we talk about the past history of the guy that did this to me?"

"I'm afraid not, Mr. Smith, you wouldn't want to violate his rights, now would you?"



"NO" means NO

"NOT NOW" means NO

"I HAVE A BOY/GIRLFRIEND" means NO

"MAYBE LATER" means NO

"NO THANKS" means NO

"YOU'RE NOT MY TYPE" means NO

"FUCK OFF" means NO

"I'D RATHER BE ALONE RIGHT NOW" means NO

"I REALLY LIKE YOU BUT..." means NO

"LET'S JUST GO TO SLEEP" means NO

"I'M NOT SURE" means NO

"YOU'VE/ I'VE BEEN DRINKING" means NO

SILENCE means NO

"..." means NO

RAPE: NOT UNDERSTAND NO

You can say no, push away, or express yourself if something doesn't feel right. A lot of what girls and women are taught encourages them to feel ashamed for feeling or noticing something which makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable. Nothing anyone does causes someone else to rape them. The perpetrator of a sexual assault is 100% responsible for having hurt someone.

Men are not biologically driven to assault. Fear of being perceived homosexual, ignorance about male and female sexuality and pleasure, a personal notion of sex that does not include spending time negotiating sexual activity with one's partner, a personal sexuality that does not look at sex as utterly separate from sexual assault, all can be contributing factors to assaultive behavior. Some males (and females) who are survivors of sexual assault sometimes in turn assault others, but not all. If you have perpetrated sexual assault previously, you can and should stop.

Alcohol was involved in many of the sexual assaults described by the senior women that participated in the 1995 survey. Alcohol does not cause rape, but the false ideas about sex and alcohol: decreased inhibitions, higher sexual drive after drinking, the media's sexualization of alcohol consumption, bars being a major venue for meeting potential partners. All of these contribute to an environment conducive to sexual assault. An interesting paradox to take note of is that the stereotypes about gender and drinking state that while as males drink they get less responsible, "Hey, I couldn't help it, I was drunk," women are seen to become more responsible. "Well, she did drink, what was she expecting?" Under Wisconsin law, having "sex" with someone who is intoxicated is sexual assault. Some students, wanting all of their sexual interactions to be loving, uncoerced and torrid, have made explicit agreements with their partners that if either one of them drinks during a particular night, no sexual activity will follow between them that night.

In college, many students, women and men, think of sex as something we have to trick people into, something we must get. This is a major component of the process that leads to 1 in 4 women (or in Madison 27% of women) being violated outright.

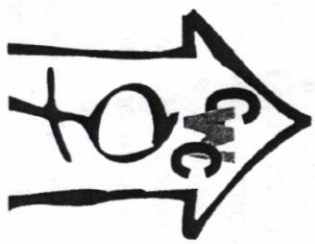
As a culture, we have spent very little time thinking about how to establish consent to sexual acts including intercourse. And further, many of us don't even have good, loving, mutually satisfying sex until we are much older, if ever. Are we willing to settle for our parents' bad sex?

A student movement sparked at Antioch college in the early nineties has finally brought the idea of verbal consent (i.e., asking your partner if, when, and how they would like to be sexual with you) as an extremely effective method of getting noncoerced expression of willingness to engage in sexual activity. This model needs to be practiced in more sexual relationships from brief flings to committed long-term relationships including marriage.

Nearly all survivors of sexual assault have been assaulted by someone they knew, lovers, friends, family members. (98% in Wisconsin) Despite racist and classist journalism and justice system, the vast majority of sexual assault is not committed by muscled, non-student, ex-con men of color jumping from "the bushes" brandishing rusty knives. While you wouldn't know it from reading local newspaper or conviction statistics, on nearly all college campuses sexual assaults are committed by white males. (92% at the UW).

Rape does not happen to all women. But it happens far more often than many university administrators (and students) are willing to admit. The fact that the statistics the University releases (i.e. unlike the independent ones mentioned in the beginning of the article) are, at the very least, representative of the fact that experts estimate only 6% of sexual assaults are reported-means that we, men and women, need to start talking about this- it will be uncomfortable at first, but it will help us realize that it isn't us. It is our friends, our sisters, mothers, our lovers, maybe our brothers as well. Everyone knows someone who has been assaulted, they may only have not been told. It is a reality. And that HAS TO STOP.

The Campus Women's Center, the Take Back the Night organization, Rape Crisis Center and Men Stopping Rape are some of the organizations listed in this guide that you can contact for more information. Also, recently some UW Students initiated a campaign, which has led to the blue posters you will be seeing in bathrooms across campus. The posters allow for the anonymous reporting of sexual assault and other hate crimes. If you or someone you know, or saw was assaulted, harassed, etc. sexually or based on their race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, or class - report it. If you can't leave your name that's okay; if you do feel comfortable leaving your name you can. Regardless of whether or not you decide to report, use the



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Upcoming Events:

Brunch With The Best- Sept. 5th, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Library Mall
Volunteer Kick-Off- Sept. 11th, 7 p.m. Campus Women's Center
Monday Moxie- Sept. 18th, 7 p.m. Campus Women's Center
ALL EVENTS ARE FREE! FREE GOODIES, TOO!